



President Thein Sein and his first Cabinet (31 March 2011). Photo: Ministry of Information



President Thein Sein and the National Defence and Security Council (31 March 2011). At the photo session, Shwe Mann was assigned an ordinary chair while the two vice presidents were assigned special chairs. Shwe Mann was very angry and believed this was done intentionally to insult him. Actually, the President's Office only had three special chairs, and the arrangement had already been decided by the SPDC. Photo: Ministry of Information



Big Six Political dialogue: President Thein Sein, Speaker Shwe Mann, Speaker Khin Aung Myint, Commander in Chief Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, Aung San Suu Kyi and Dr Aye Maung (Rakhine ethnic politician to represent ethnic parties) on 8 April 2015. They discussed free and fair elections, the peace process and constitutional amendments. Photo: Ministry of Information.

President Thein Sein and President Obama during Mr Obama's first visit to Myanmar, on 19 November 2012.



Photos: Ministry of Information





President Thein Sein met Aung San Suu Kyi on 14 August 2011. This meeting opened the door for Aung San Suu Kyi and her NLD party to enter *hlutaws*, but some ruling USDP party leaders criticized Thein Sein's decision.



President Thein Sein and Aung San Suu Kyi at the Presidential Palace. Photo: Ministry of Information



President Thein Sein and members of Egress after the president decided to meet with Aung San Suu Kyi (July 2011). Photo: Hla Maung Swee



President Thein Sein, Commander in Chief Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and Aung San Suu Kyi at the Presidential Palace. Photo: Ministry of Information



President Thein Sein and leaders of the Karen National Union during their informal meeting on the peace process. Photo: Ye Htut



President and First Lady waiting to vote on election day, 8 November 2015.
Photo: Ministry of Information



Transition of power on 30 March 2015. This was the first peaceful transfer of power from one elected government to another since Myanmar gained independence in 1948.





Meetings with local people were the happiest moments for President Thein Sein during his turbulent presidency.

Photos: Ye Htut





President Thein Sein and Speaker Shwe Mann at the Presidential Palace.
Photo: Ministry of Information



President Thein Sein and Aung San Suu Kyi met on 2 December after the NLD election victory in November.
Photo: Ministry of Information



Shwe Mann and Aung San Suu Kyi during one of their press conferences.
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